

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in this application. In the Office Action mailed on October 7, 2005, claims 1-15 and 18-31 were allowed. Claims 16-17 were rejected. Applicants hereby cancel claims 16-17, without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in related applications.

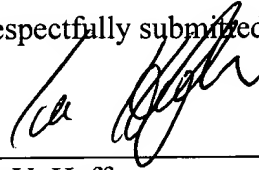
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at the number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues.

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